

花蓮縣 114 年國小英語閱讀比賽

2025 Hualien Elementary School English Reading Contest

Part 1: Please choose the best answer to complete each sentence. (2 points for each question)

1. Susan often _____ her favorite songs in the shower.
a. sings
b. misses
c. listens
d. paints
2. I need a _____ to fix the seat on my bike.
a. chess
b. wheel
c. tool
d. pedal
3. Sarah gave a _____ about the importance of protecting the earth.
a. member
b. balcony
c. speech
d. drawer
4. The sky is very _____ today. It looks like it might rain soon.
a. brown
b. round
c. slim
d. cloudy
5. Jenny works hard to _____ her homework, hoping to get a good grade.
a. finish
b. throw
c. dance
d. happen

6. I found my keys in the pocket of my _____ this morning.
- a. bakery
 - b. jacket
 - c. stamp
 - d. window
7. The _____ were cheering loudly during the football game.
- a. fans
 - b. rings
 - c. plants
 - d. maps
8. The cat looks _____ with its soft and fluffy fur.
- a. flat
 - b. slow
 - c. basic
 - d. cute
9. The _____ of the novel is very attractive and interesting.
- a. plot
 - b. key
 - c. lid
 - d. desk
10. Daniel _____ the difficult problem. I think he is really smart.
- a. laughed
 - b. solved
 - c. jumped
 - d. cooked
11. Grace was very _____ to see us when she entered the room; both her eyes and mouth opened wide.
- a. gentle
 - b. interested
 - c. honest
 - d. surprised

12. Be careful when you use the knife. It is very _____.
a. quiet
b. sharp
c. fresh
d. usual
13. The teacher _____ the students to be quiet during the exam.
a. asked
b. cooked
c. played
d. guessed
14. The _____ of the city has many shops and restaurants.
a. kitchen
b. playground
c. wallet
d. downtown
15. The children were so _____ that they played outside all afternoon without feeling tired.
a. ancient
b. energetic
c. famous
d. unhappy
16. Taiwan's national holiday is _____ on October 10th every year.
a. worried
b. discovered
c. exercised
d. celebrated
17. Mom and I went to the _____ to buy some vegetables and fruits.
a. market
b. theater
c. school
d. library

18. Tina asked me if she could _____ my bicycle this weekend.
- a. cheat
 - b. hold
 - c. borrow
 - d. record
19. Sam had a _____ idea to make our teacher feel good. We can make her a thank you card.
- a. delicious
 - b. terrible
 - c. national
 - d. wonderful
20. The war between these two countries has _____ their people very sad.
- a. ended
 - b. forced
 - c. made
 - d. cared

Part 2: Please read the story, and choose the best answer to each question. (3 points for each question)

Lily and Nancy were best friends. One day, they had a big fight because Nancy thought Lily was talking behind her back. Nancy felt very hurt and stopped talking to Lily. Lily didn't understand why Nancy was upset and thought Nancy was being unfair. Their classmates noticed the change and felt sad because the two friends used to have so much fun together.

After a few days, Lily tried to talk to Nancy. She said sorry to Nancy for the misunderstanding and explained that she never said bad things about her. Nancy listened carefully and realized she had made a mistake. She said sorry to Lily, too. They smiled and hugged each other, happy to fix their friendship. From then on, they promised to talk openly whenever they have a problem.

Sometimes, when friends have problems, it may seem sad and difficult, but facing the issue can bring surprising and happy endings, just like Lily and Nancy's story.

1. Why did Nancy stop talking to Lily?
- a. She lost Lily's book.

- b. They found new friends.
 - c. She was too busy to talk to Lily.
 - d. She thought Lily was talking badly about her.
2. How did Lily feel when Nancy stopped talking to her?
- a. Sad
 - b. Angry
 - c. Excited
 - d. Confused
3. What did Lily do after a few days?
- a. She talked to Nancy and said sorry to her.
 - b. She didn't do anything about it.
 - c. She moved to another school.
 - d. She told other friends about Nancy.
4. After listening to Lily, Nancy realized that she ____.
- a. was angry
 - b. made a mistake
 - c. hugged Lily
 - d. listened carefully
5. How did Lily and Nancy's friendship change after they talked?
- a. They became close friends again.
 - b. They stayed apart as usual.
 - c. They forgot each other.
 - d. They stopped playing together.

Emily really likes playing badminton. Before the big school competition, she practiced hard every day after class. She worked on her serve, her footwork, and running fast. Even when she was tired, she did not give up. Emily wanted to do her best to win the prize and make her family happy.

On the day of the competition, Emily played very well. She tried her best in each game and did not feel nervous. Although she did not win first place, she felt very proud. Emily knew she had learned a lot from the experience. She learned how to keep calm during games and how to play better next time.

After the competition, Emily made a promise to practice more and become stronger. She was happy and excited about her future games. Emily knew that success is about trying again and never giving up. She looked forward to many more chances to play badminton and improve her skills.

6. When did Emily practice for the competition?
 - a. before school
 - b. after class
 - c. during holidays
 - d. at midnight

7. When Emily practiced badminton, she did **NOT** work on _____.
 - a. her serve
 - b. her footwork
 - c. running fast
 - d. her excitement

8. What did Emily learn from the competition?
 - a. to sleep early
 - b. to quit badminton
 - c. to play tennis
 - d. to keep calm and play better

9. After the competition, what will Emily do?
 - a. practice more
 - b. stop playing
 - c. change sport
 - d. watch TV

10. After the competition, Emily looked forward to _____.
 - a. a vacation
 - b. a new dress
 - c. improving her skills
 - d. being proud

Jason is a young boy who loves spending time with his mother. One weekend, his mother decided to teach him how to bake a cake. Jason was very excited because it was

his first time. They went to the kitchen where all the ingredients were ready. His mother showed him how to mix flour, sugar, eggs, and milk.

Jason carefully followed the steps and helped his mother stir the cake mix. Sometimes, the mix spilled a little on the table, and Jason laughed when that happened. His mother said it was okay because baking is all about having fun and learning. After mixing, they put the cake in the oven and waited patiently.

While waiting, Jason asked many questions about baking and felt happy to learn something new. When the cake was ready, it smelled very good and looked golden brown. Jason felt proud of what he made with his mother. They shared the cake with their family and enjoyed eating it together. Jason wanted to try baking again soon.

11. How did Jason help his mother?

- a. Stirred the mix
- b. Bought the ingredients
- c. Cleaned the oven
- d. Watched TV

12. When the mix spilled a little on the table, Jason _____.

- a. cried
- b. burned
- c. laughed
- d. learned

13. How did Jason feel about his cake?

- a. Sad
- b. Proud
- c. Tired
- d. Angry

14. The cake look _____ when it was ready.

- a. golden brown
- b. dark and burnt
- c. ugly and hard
- d. soft and white

15. Which of the following is **NOT** true?

- a. Jason shared the cake with his family
- b. Jason's family enjoyed eating it together.

- c. Jason's mother was upset when the mix spilled on the table.
- d. Jason wanted to try baking again in the near future.

Dear Stacy,

I hope you are doing well. I want to tell you that my family and I moved from Hualien to Taipei recently. At first, I felt a little nervous because everything here is different. Taipei is a big city with many tall buildings and lots of people. I miss our small town in Hualien and all my friends, especially you.

My new school is much bigger than the one in Hualien. Many teachers and students are friendly, and I have started to make new friends. Last weekend, my parents and I visited the Taipei 101 building and a museum. It was really interesting and fun to see new places.

Even though I like Taipei, I still think about you and everyone back home. I hope you can write back and tell me about your life in Hualien. I want us to keep our friendship no matter how far apart we are. Take care and write soon!

Yours sincerely,
Annie

16. Annie felt _____ at first in Taipei.

- a. happy
- b. angry
- c. nervous
- d. bored

17. What did Annie tell Stacy about Taipei?

- a. Museums and tall buildings
- b. Beaches and parks
- c. Mountains and rivers
- d. Snow and cold weather

18. Which of the following about Annie's new school is **NOT** true?

- a. It is bigger than the one in Hualien.
- b. Many teachers are friendly there.
- c. It is old and nothing is interesting.
- d. Annie starts to make new friends there.

19. What does Annie want to keep?

- a. her life in Hualien
- b. her friendship with Stacy
- c. tall building in Taipei
- d. interesting places

20. What is Annie's hope for her friendship with Stacy?

- a. To visit another city
- b. To change friends soon
- c. To stay close even when far apart
- d. To stop writing letters soon